Modernisation of steel plants

37. SHRI CH1TTA BASU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have comprehensive and integrated schemes for the modernisation of the Steel Plants in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the stages of implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI ML. FOTEDAR): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Schemes for modernisation of Durgapur Steel Plant, Rour-kela Steel Plant and Indian Iron and Steel Company are under different stages of formulation, approval and implementation. Details of these schemes are given below: —

Durgapur Steel Plant

Government have approved the scheme for modernisation of the Durgapur Steel Plant at an estimated cost of Rs. 1357 crores. This would enable the plant to operate at its rated capacity of 1.6 million tonnes per annum of ingot steel. An allocation of Rs. 460 crores has been made in the VII Plan for this purpose. The tendering work *of* the modernisation has begun.

Rourkela Steel Plant

The proposal for modernisation of Rourkela Steel Plant has been received by the Government. Phase-I of the proposed scheme is estimated to cost Rs. 415 crores and total modernisation Rs. 1680 crores. After modernisation, the capacity of the plant is expected to improve to 1.9 Million Tonnes Per Annum of crude steel against the present production- of -around 1.1 MTPA. A provision-of Rs, 360. chores has been made in the VII Plan for this purpose. After Government preparation of the Detailed Project Report, the modernisation work is likely to be completed in a period of about 6 years.

Indian Iron and Steel Company lid. (IISCO)

Government are currently considering a proposal for modernisation of HSCO based on a Feasibility Report prepared by Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA) and submitted to- Government in July, 1987. The JICA Report envisages extensive changes in the plant and contemplates an expansion of its crude steel capacity from existing 1.0 million tonnes to 2.15 million tonnes. JICA have worked out a capital cost of approximately Rs. 2450 crores with a foreign component of Rs. 890 crores for the total scheme.

Drought relief to Kerala

38. SHRI N. E. BALAKAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) the details of the report sub mitted by the Central team which visited Kerala some time back to study the drought situation and re commendations made by it; and

(b> the details of the assistance sought by the State Government for drought relief measures and assistance In kind and cash sanctioned by Go- \ vernment so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): *(a)* and(b) The State Government soughtCentral assistance of Rs. 604.46 crores for drought relief measures and enhancement in the allotment of rice, palmolein and kerosene for the Public